

## In Senate Group Testimony

# 2 Intelligence 'Watchdog' Units Urged by Adm. Cooke

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 (AP)—

Retired Adm. Charles M. Cooke has proposed establishment of two "watchdog" committees to keep tabs on the government's intelligence reports, the Senate Internal Security subcommittee disclosed today.

Adm. Cooke, the Navy's chief strategical officer during most of World War II, called for a full-time advisory committee to the National Security Council to visit "critical areas" and check the situation and intelligence about it.

### Congress Group, Too

He also proposed a Congressional committee—similar to the joint Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee—to insure that intelligence information is not twisted to conform with adopted policies.

Adm. Cooke made the proposals during questioning Oct. 7 by subcommittee counsel Robert Morris.

The subcommittee said its chairman, Sen. James O. Eastland, D., Miss., in releasing a transcript of the interview, "stressed the importance of Adm. Cooke's testimony in view of the recent apparent failure of intelligence to inform the United States government of developments in the Middle East."

Adm. Cooke said he witnessed "some very serious failures in intelligence" before China fell to the Chinese Communists.

### Cites Formosa

He said it appeared to him that State Department representatives in Formosa were following a policy "which required that intelligence facts should conform to the policy rather than have a change of policy



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that would be guided by the facts."

Adm. Cooke said he suggested the watchdog committees because of a "serious possibility that the future may bring others who will, in pursuance of a policy, be ready to twist facts, lead off facts, deny information to other members of the government and to the people which can endanger the security of the United States."

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